

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(Caption of Case)

Application of Palmetto of Richland County LLC for Certificate that the Acquisition of the City of Columbia Sewer Collection System serving portions of unincorporated Richland County is in the Public Interest and for Establishment of a Service Area and Rates and Charges.

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COVER SHEET

DOCKET
NUMBER: 2012 - 273 - S

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☐ Emergency Relief demanded in petition☐ Request for item to be placed on Commission's Agenda expeditiously☒ Other:

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The Honorable Jocelyn D. Boyd

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Public Service Commission of South Carolina

101 Executive Center Drive

Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Application of Palmetto of Richland County LLC for Certificate that Acquisition
is in the Public Interest and for establishment of Service Area, Rates and Charges
Docket No.: 2012-273-S

Dear Ms. Boyd:

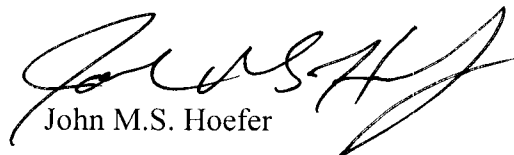
Enclosed for filing are the original and five (5) copies of the Affidavit of Publication and the original and five (5) copies of the Certificate of Mailing in the above-referenced matter. I would appreciate your acknowledging receipt of these documents by date-stamping the extra copies that are enclosed and returning them to me via our courier.

By copy of this letter, I am serving counsel for the Office of Regulatory Staff with a copy of same and enclose a Certificate of Service to that effect.

If you have any questions or if you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

WILLOUGHBY & HOEFER, P.A.



John M.S. Hoefer

JMSH/ccm

Enclosures

cc: Nanette S. Edwards, Esquire

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THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
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Establishment of a Service Area and)
Rates and Charges)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have caused to be mailed this day one (1) copy of the **Affidavit of Publication** and one (1) copy of the **Certificate of Mailing of Palmetto Wastewater Reclamation LLC d/b/a Alpine Utilities** by placing same in the care and custody of the United States Postal Service with first class postage affixed thereto and addressed as follows:

Nanette S. Edwards, Esquire
Office of Regulatory Staff
1401 Main Street, Suite 900
Columbia, SC 29201


Cindy C. Mills

Columbia, South Carolina
This 9th day of August, 2012.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This is to certify that I, Donna Tuttle, have caused to be mailed this 27th day of July, 2012, via First Class Mail, to all affected customers of the City of Columbia proposed to be served by **Palmetto of Richland County LLC** at the customer addresses maintained in the City of Columbia's records, one (1) copy of the **Notice of Filing and Hearing** in the above referenced matter.



Columbia, South Carolina
This 27th day of July, 2012.

THE STATE MEDIA CO., INC.
Columbia, South Carolina
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND

Personally appeared before me, Emily Fernandez, Project & Support Supervisor
of THE STATE, and makes oath that the advertisement,

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County

was inserted in THE STATE, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in
the City of Columbia, State and County aforesaid, in the issue(s) of

July 28, 2012

Emily Fernandez

Subscribed and sworn to before me

on this day August 3, 2012

Emily F. Hanna

Notary Public

My commission expires
March 10, 2013

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
CLERK'S OFFICE**NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING**

DOCKET NO. 2012-273-S

APPLICATION OF PALMETTO OF RICHLAND COUNTY, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE THAT THE ACQUISITION OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM SERVING PORTIONS OF UNINCORPORATED RICHLAND COUNTY IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A SERVICE AREA AND RATES AND CHARGES

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-210 (1976), and Vol. 26 S. C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-504 and 103-512.4.B (Supp. 2010), Palmetto of Richland County LLC ("PRC") has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") for approval of a proposed acquisition by PRC of a portion of the wastewater collection system owned and operated by the City of Columbia ("City") and establishment of rates and territory in an unincorporated area of Richland County now served by the City system proposed to be acquired.

The Proposed service territory, which consists of areas now served by the City or currently not served by any governmental or public utility, consists generally of an area in and near northeast Richland County bounded by S.C. Highway 555 on the west, Rimers Pond Road on the north, Hardscrabble Road on the east, and Two Notch Road and North Brickyard Road on the south. A limited number of customers in an area south of this generally described area along Two Notch Road and Clemson Road, who are currently served by the City, are also proposed to be served by PRC as contract customers. A map and legal description of the proposed service territory is available for viewing at the Commission's offices at the address shown below.

In support of its Application, PRC asserts, among other things, that the public interest will be served by its acquisition of this collection system because it will promote consistency with the 208 Water Quality Management Plan promulgated by the Central Midlands Council of Governments with respect to wastewater treatment and disposal in the Wateree River drainage basin and will entitle customers to service by a public utility regulated by the Commission. The application provides that City customers in the proposed service area would continue to be charged at the current City rates, which may not be increased unless and until the Commission approves an increase in such rates.

THE CURRENT NON-RECURRING RATES AND CHARGES ARE SET FORTH BELOW

(The complete rate schedule is available from the Company at the address below and on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov)

Sewer Tapping Fees**Tapping charges for sewer connections**

- (1) Taps installed by developer/owner - \$300.00 per tap
(2) Taps installed by city forces 1,300.00 per tap

Sewer Service Rates

Meter Size	Out of City
5/8	\$ 10.20
1.0	\$ 10.20
1.5	\$ 10.20
2	\$ 16.32
3	\$ 32.64
4	\$ 51.00
6	\$102.00
8	\$163.20
10	\$255.00
Monthly Water Use	\$4.93 each additional 100 cubic feet

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Drive, Synergy Business Park, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov and is available from John M. S. Hoefer, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P. A., Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

In order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Dr., Columbia, South Carolina on **Thursday, December 13, 2012, at 10:30 a.m.**

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before **August 20, 2012**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. Please refer to **Docket No. 2012-273-S**.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify the Clerk's Office, in writing, at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, and John M. S. Hoefer, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P. A., Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8416 on or before **August 20, 2012**, and indicate the amount of time required for the presentation. Please refer to **Docket No. 2012-273-S**.

Any person who wishes to request a hearing in his or her county of residence should notify on or before **August 20, 2012**, in writing, the Clerk's Office at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, and John M. S. Hoefer, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P. A., Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8416. Please refer to **Docket No. 2012-273-S**.

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing date, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Clerk's Office, in writing at the address below on or before **August 20, 2012**. Please refer to **Docket No. 2012-273-S**.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5100.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina

Attn: Clerk's Office

Post Office Drawer 11649

Columbia, SC 29211